

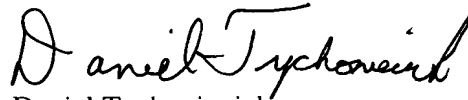
REMARKS

In the Final Office Action of June 4, 2004, and Advisory Action of August 20, 2004, claims 27 and 28 stand rejected. Claims 29 and 30 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim, and claims 1-8, 10-15 and 21-26 are allowed. Although the Applicant disagrees with the reasons set forth by the Examiner in the Advisory Action of August 20, 2004, in rejecting claims 27 and 28, the attached Amendment is submitted to obtain patent protection on allowed claims at the earliest possible date. As such, independent claim 27 has been amended to include the limitations of dependent claims 28 and 29, as the Examiner indicated would be allowable in Paragraph 3 of the Office Action dated June 4, 2004. Claims 28 and 29 have been canceled accordingly.

An honest attempt has been made to respond fully and completely to the Office Action of June 4, 2004. It is believed that all remaining claims 1-8, 10-15, 21-27, and 30 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, passage to issuance is respectfully solicited. Applicant notes that certain claims have been amended and canceled herein solely to advance prosecution of this Application and to obtain allowance on the allowed claims at the earliest possible date. As such, no admission may be inferred by the amendments and cancellations herein. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions or comments. If necessary to effect a timely response, please consider this response as a petition for an additional extension of time sufficient to make the response timely and charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Baker & Daniels Deposit Account 02-0387 (75255.77).

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Respectfully submitted,



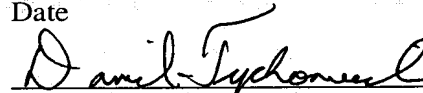
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